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- 1. RE PARA 1 REFTEL (B), DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT IN VIEW OF PROPOSED NEGOTIATIONS, EMBASSY SHOULD DEFER REPRESENTATIONS PER REFTEL (C). IN VIEW ALREADY SCHEDULED NEGOTIATING COMMITMENTS ELSEWHERE, WE ARE UNABLE TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC DATES PER REFTEL (A).
- 2. RATHER THAN UNPLEASANTLY SURPRISING THE ARGENTINIANS WHEN ADVISED OF OUR PROBABLE INABILITY TO HOLD NEGOTIATIONS PRIOR TO THEIR PLANNED JANUARY IMPLEMENTATION OF AEROLINEAS' WIDE-BODY SERVICE, WE SUGGEST THE EMBASSY REMIND GOA IN WRITING THAT CONSULTATIONS TO FORMULATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTRODUCTION OF WIDE-BODY SERVICE IS A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SINE QUA NON. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR GOA

TO AFFIRM, THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, THEIR DESIRE TO HOLD TALKS. EMBASSY'S COMMUNICATION COULD BE IN FORM OF LETTER TO DNTAC. TEXT ALONG LINES PARA 3 BELOW IS PROPOSED.

3. "I REFER TO THE LAST ROUND OF CIVIL AVIATION CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ARGENTINA HELD DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 6, 1976 AT WASHINGTON. AT THAT TIME, THE TWO DELEGATIONS AGREED TO MEET AGAIN, BUT THE DATE FOR THE RESUMPTION OF TALKS IN BUENOS AIRES WAS NOT ESTABLISHED. ALTHOUGH SUBSEQUENTLY, THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES HAD PROPOSED CONSULTATIONS FOR APRIL 1976, IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO CONCLUDE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING.

"IN VIEW OF THE REPORTED PROCUREMENT BY AEROLINEAS ARGENTINAS OF A WIDE-BODY AIRCRAFT, AND THE INTEREST WHICH HAS BEEN EXPRESSED BY THE ARGENTINE AIRLINE TO OPERATE SUCH EQUIPMENT TO THE UNITED STATES, I WISH TO POINT OUT THAT ANY ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUCH SERVICES WOULD HAVE TO BE AGREED TO IN THE COURSE OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. ACCORDINGLY, IF THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES WISH TO RENEW THEIR PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTATIONS, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF AN APPROPRIATE CONFIRMATION WERE TRANSMITTED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

"I TRUST THAT DURING ANY FUTURE DISCUSSIONS OUR MUTUAL OBJECTIVES WOULD BE ACHIEVED ON THE BASIS OF EQUITY AND MUTUAL ACCOMMODATION."

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